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I CLAIM:

1. A friction material comprising a fibrous base material having a fiber content of about 70% to about 85 %, based on the weight of the fibrous base material, wherein the fibrous base material is impregnated with a suitable resin.
2. The friction material of claim 1, wherein the fibrous base layer comprises about 80% fibers.
3. The friction material of claim 1, wherein the fibrous base material has an average voids volume from about 50% to about 85%.
4. The friction material of claim 1, wherein the fibrous base material is a nonwoven fibrous material.
5. The friction material of claim 1, wherein the fibrous base material is a woven fibrous material.
6. The friction material of claim 1, wherein the fibrous base material comprises, by wt., from about 15 to about 25% cotton fibers, about 40 to about 50% aramid fibers, 10 to about 20% carbon fibers, and about 5 to about 25% filler.
7. The friction material of claim 1, wherein the fibrous base material has an average pore diameter of about 5 to about 8 μ m.
8. The friction material of claim 1, wherein the fibrous base material comprises about 10 to about 60%, by weight, of a less fibrillated aramid fiber; about 5 to about 30%, by weight, cotton fibers; about 2 to about 25%, by weight, carbon fibers; and, about 10 to about 35%, by weight of a filler material.

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9. The friction material of claim 1, wherein the resin comprises at least one of: phenolic resin, at least one modified phenolic resin, at least one silicon resin, at least one silicone modified resin, at least one epoxy resin, at 5 least one epoxy modified resin, or mixtures of the above.